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SUBJECT: IRAN - ECONOMICS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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1. MEHRAN HAS NOW CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR MEETINGS OF THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE BEGINNING APRIL 21. HE HOPES THAT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE CAN BE DEALT WITH IN TWO DAYS LEAVING APRIL 23 OPEN FOR HIM TO MEET WITH PARSKY AND WHOEVER ELSE SEEMS APPROPRIATE AT THAT POINT. HE PLANS ON LEAVING WASHINGTON EVENING OF APRIL 23.

2. WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS WORKING GROUP MEETINGS PROPOSED REFTEL, MEHRAN SAID THAT HE HOPES THAT ALL CAN BE HELD BEFORE APRIL 21. BECAUSE A NUMBER OF RELEVANT IRANIAN MINISTERS ARE STILL AWAY FOR THE IRANIAN NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SEASON HOWEVER, HE IS PRESENTLY UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE COMPOSITION

OR TIMING OF ARRIVAL OF VARIOUS GROUPS IN WASHINGTON. HE WILL LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN MEANTIME
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HOWEVER, HE IS OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION ALL PROPOSED

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD, ADN IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE,
HE STILL HOPES US SIDE WILL AGREE THAT ECONOMIC AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD ON APRIL 21 AS
SCHEDULED. IF THIS NOT AGREEABLE, HE ASKED THAT HE
BE ADVISED PROMPTLY.

3. NOTING LANGUAGE IN REFTEL CONCERNING FINANCING
OF EXPERTS, EMHRAN SAID THAT THIS SOUNDED ACCEPTABLE
BUT HE ALSO WANTED IT TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT HIS
UNDERSTANDING COINCIDED WITH OURS. FOR EXAMPLE,
HE SAID, IF USG SENDS A "WORKING GROUP" OR "SURVEY
TEAM" HERE TO EXAMINE GOI PLANS FOR HOSPITAL CON-
STRUCTION OR HOUSING OR SOME SIMILAR PROJECT, GOI WOULD
CONSIDER COSTS OF SUCH A MISSION PROPERLY CHARGEABLE
TO USG. IN HIS VIEW WORK OF SUCH A MISSION WOULD
FALL IN CATEGORY OF PRESALES ACTIVITY WHICH USG
SHOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE ON BEHALF OF US
INDUSTRY. IF THERE ANY DOUBT ON US SIDE ABOUT WHO
SHOULD PAY FOR ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS
OR SURVEY TEAMS, MEHRAN ASKED THAT PRIOR TO DESPATCHING
OUR PEOPLE, WE PROVIDE HIM WITH A LETTER WHICH SPELLS
OUT PRECISELY THEIR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND THE
COSTS WE WOULD EXPECT GOI TO BEAR. MEHRAN LEFT LITTLE
DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT FEW, IF ANY ACTIVITIES, WOULD
BE PAID FOR BY GOI WHERE US COULD REASONABLY EXPECT
TO BENEFIT IN FUTURE SALES CONTRACTS.
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